



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.0
Soil moisture supplies: 10% very short, 17% short, 59% adequate and 14% surplus

Field Crops Report
Wet conditions across the state provided adequate moisture which improved crop growth and field conditions. Corn planting increased to 95% complete, and 55% has emerged. Rice producers planted 57% of rice, 12 points above the 5-year-average. Sorghum producers completed 71% of planting, 56 points above the 5-year-average. Sugarcane producers applied herbicides and fertilizers to fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Strawberry harvest continued. Vegetable producers continued planting and working crops. Crawfish production picked up.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen fertilized and sprayed pastures. Pastures and hayfields showed improvement due to recent rainfall.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	78	70	73	70
Corn	Planted	95	85	92	84
	Emerged	55	N/A	34	43
Rice	Planted	57	37	48	42
Sorghum	Planted	71	26	22	15
Soybeans	Planted	2	0	2	0
Winter Wheat	Headed	65	23	4	43

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	13	38	33	15
Winter Wheat	0	1	20	73	6
Livestock	1	7	43	42	7
Vegetables	1	9	42	44	4
Pasture	1	13	45	36	5



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/28/11 TO 04/03/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	70	40	52	60	0.29	0.70	7.33	14.15
Minden	83	41	56	60	0.50	0.80	8.53	15.44
Mooringsport	84	41	57	MM	0.01	0.26	8.97	13.06
Shreveport South	85	41	57	MM	0.15	0.49	8.13	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	85	40	56	61	0.22	0.52	8.33	14.47
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	80	40	52	61	0.40	0.68	8.03	16.79
Homer/Hill Farm	83	37	54	59	0.11	0.45	9.48	15.72
ULM-Monroe	MM	MM	MM	61	0.64	1.11	11.16	17.55
Extreme/Average	83	37	54	61	0.11	0.45	MM.MM	16.67
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	42	54	60	0.78	2.30	13.21	17.94
LSU-St Joseph	69	44	54	62	2.80	6.28	18.56	18.12
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	61	3.18	8.16	17.33	17.32
Tallulah	78	45	56	61	2.62	5.27	16.63	17.97
Extreme/Average	78	42	55	61	1.70	3.79	13.21	17.78
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(86)	43	61	62	0.75	2.42	10.21	16.08
LSU-Rosepine	MM	MM	MM	62	0.08	1.78	7.51	15.98
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	61	0.03	0.23	4.12	15.90
Ashland	85	36	56	60	0.29	0.59	9.95	16.18
Hodges Gardens	85	44	59	MM	0.15	1.20	10.10	15.99
Extreme/Average	86	(36)	59	62	0.40	1.40	10.08	15.85
5. Central								
Alexandria	82	46	62	63	1.40	4.10	10.72	17.25
Bunkie	82	47	62	63	1.77	3.10	10.80	17.66
LSU-Alexandria	MM	MM	MM	62	1.66	4.52	11.13	16.61
Extreme/Average	82	46	62	63	1.59	3.60	10.80	17.18
6. East-Central								
LSU-Baton Rouge	MM	MM	MM	63	3.06	4.52	6.65	16.42
LSU-Hammond	85	45	64	63	0.97	2.31	14.46	18.39
Slidell	83	48	66	64	0.86	2.24	9.42	17.90
Extreme/Average	85	45	66	64	0.86	MM.MM	MM.MM	18.19
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	85	39	64	63	1.25	3.70	10.26	16.65
Jennings	83	47	66	63	0.88	0.98	11.25	14.82
LSU-Crowley	83	48	62	64	0.13	0.33	9.10	15.21
Oberlin Fire Tow	82	47	62	65	0.77	2.17	9.10	17.27
Extreme/Average	85	39	65	64	1.07	2.34	11.25	14.85
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	85	48	67	64	3.26	3.80	10.84	16.18
LSU-Jeanerette	85	49	66	64	0.43	0.70	7.44	14.34
Morgan City	81	51	67	64	0.90	1.23	7.09	15.32
Lafayette	85	47	64	65	0.82	0.97	10.62	15.63
Extreme/Average	85	47	66	65	1.35	1.68	9.14	15.19
9. Southeast								
LSU Coastal Area	MM	MM	MM	65	4.36	6.08	9.98	16.23
Galliano	80	50	69	65	3.00	4.99	14.17	16.45
Houma	MM	MM	MM	66	0.42	0.88	5.51	15.43
NO Audubon Park	84	53	70	66	0.00	0.92	7.26	15.97
Extreme/Average	84	50	69	65	3.00	4.99	MM.MM	16.71
State Averages	86	36	62	63	1.21	2.52	10.66	15.96

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 3, 2011

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